

571—29.7(8,77GA,ch1219) Project review and selection.

29.7(1) *Review and selection committee.* A review and selection committee, hereinafter referred to as the committee, comprised of six members appointed by the director, two representing cities, two representing counties, one representing other organizations or associations, and one having expertise in the vertical infrastructure industry shall review and evaluate project applications and shall develop funding recommendations to be forwarded to the natural resource commission for approval.

29.7(2) *Conflict of interest.* If a project is submitted to the review and selection committee by a city, county or other eligible sponsor, one of whose members or employees is on the review and selection committee, that individual shall not participate in discussion and shall not vote on that particular project.

29.7(3) *Consideration withheld.* The committee will not consider any application which, on the date of the selection session, is not complete or for which additional pertinent information has been requested and not received.

29.7(4) *Application rating system.* The committee will apply a numerical rating system to each grant application which is considered for fund assistance. The criteria, with a weight factor for each, shall include the following:

- a. Public demand or need—weight factor of 2.
 - b. Quality of site or project—weight factor of 3.
 - c. Urgency of proposed project—weight factor of 2.
 - d. Multiple benefits provided, including economic benefits—weight factor of 3.
 - e. Conformance with local/regional and statewide plans—weight factor of 2.
 - f. Geographic distribution—weight factor of 1.
 - g. Up to 5 bonus points may be awarded to projects demonstrating public/private partnerships.
- Each criterion shall be given a score from 1 to 10, which is then multiplied by the weight factor.